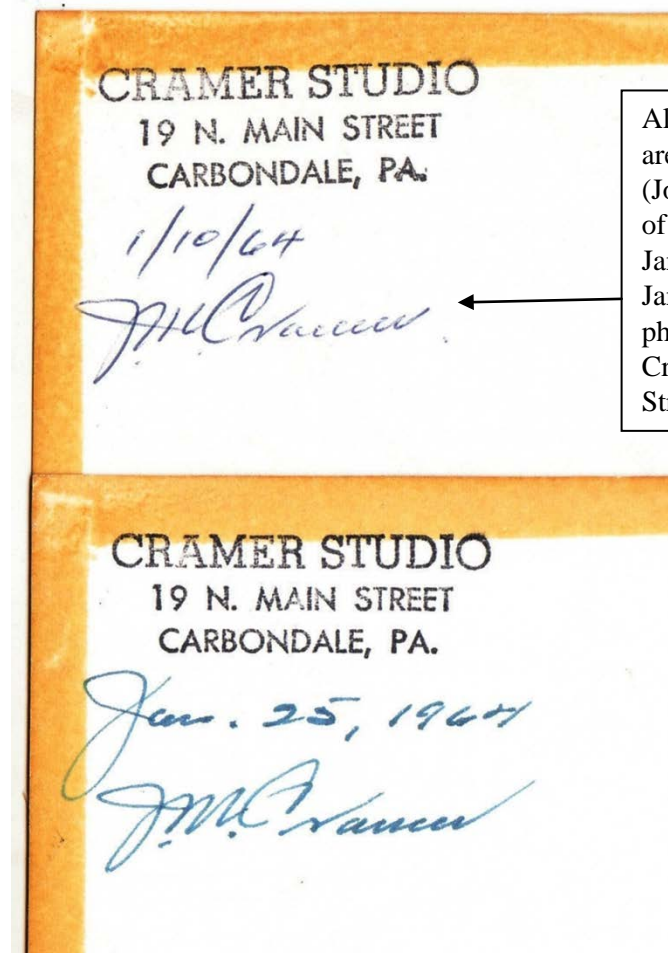


# Cramer Photographs of Carbondale West Side Mine Fire

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Included in a large collection of papers, photographs, and documents that relate to the Carbondale Mine Fire that came to the Carbondale Historical Society from the estate of Frank and Kitty Kelly, Carbondale, are six color photographs of the mine fire by Cramer Studio, Carbondale. All of these photographs are signed "J M Cramer". All of these photographs are Kodachrome Enlargements that were made and dated by Kodak. (The date when these enlargements were made by Kodak is stamped on the reverse of each photograph. Given those Kodak date stamps, we have been able to arrange these six photographs in chronological order. The enlargements were made in the period October 1962—March 1964.) All of these photographs are stamped on the reverse with a Cramer hand-stamp and are signed in blue ink, "J. M. Cramer." One of those photos is dated January 10, 1964; another is dated January 25, 1964. The exact dates (month and day) on which the other four photographs were taken is not yet known, although the years in which those four photographs were taken can be inferred, with a high level of certainty, from the year dates in which Kodak made these enlargements.



All six of these photographs are signed "J M Cramer" (John M. Cramer), and two of them are dated, the one January 10, 1964, the other January 25, 1964. The photographer, John M. Cramer, resided at 75 Laurel Street, Carbondale.

Given below are those six Cramer photographs. They are shown here as electronic scans of the enlargements (7 3/8" x 7 3/8") made by Kodak. They are arranged here in the chronological order in which these enlargements were made by Kodak.

1. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; enlargement dated October 1962



2. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; enlargement dated October 1962





3. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; enlargement dated April 1963

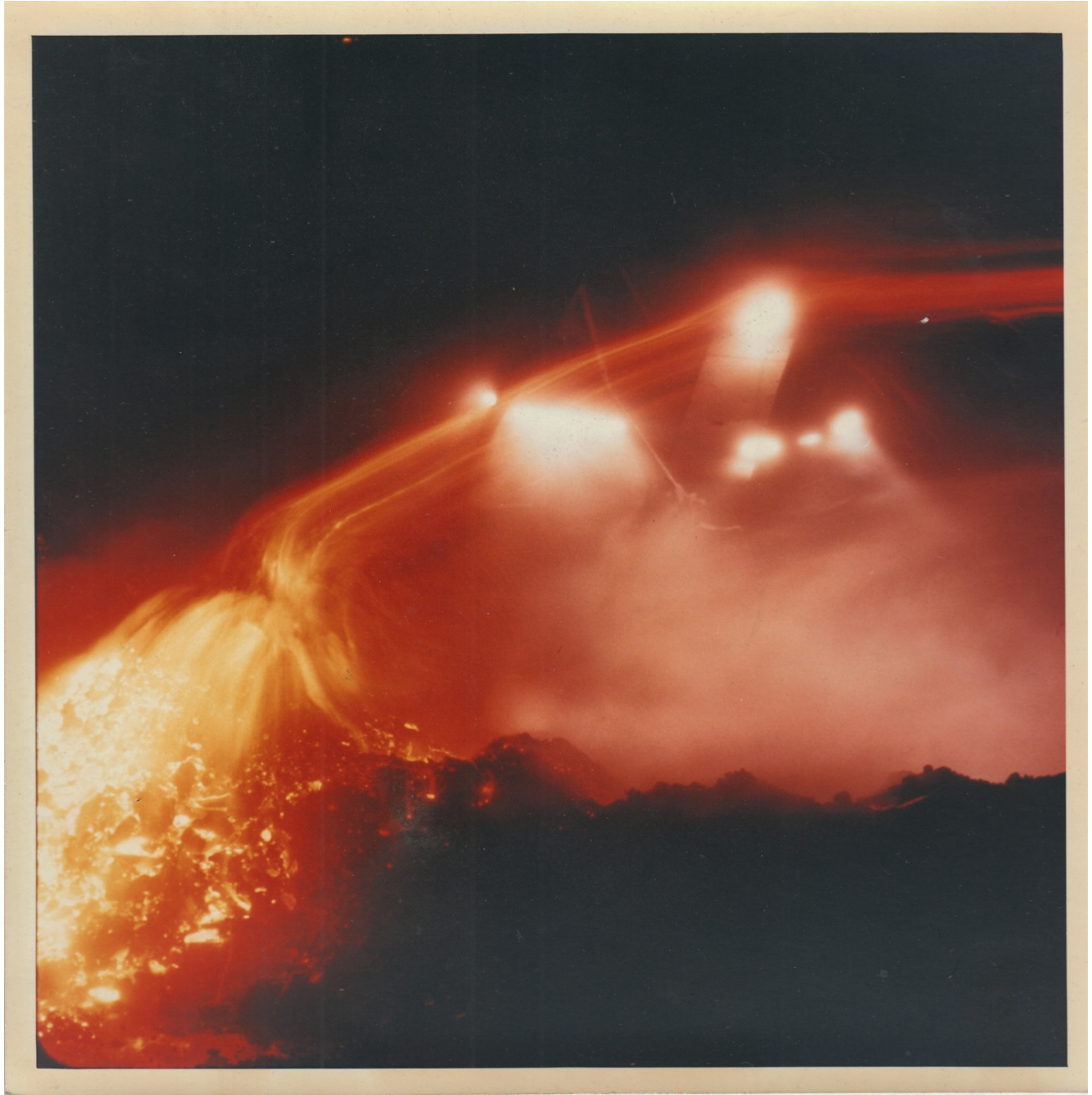


4. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; enlargement dated September 1963





5. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; date of photograph, January 10, 1964; enlargement dated January 1964. Note that the date on which the photograph was taken and the date when Kodak made the enlargement align chronologically.



6. *Carbondale West Side Mine Fire*. Cramer stamp, signed by J. M. Cramer; date of photograph, January 25, 1964; enlargement dated March 1964. Note that the date on which the photograph was taken and the date when Kodak made the enlargement align chronologically.

